During 1988 goods worth Rs. 0.63 crores has beeₙ exported t₀ Sweden under this MOU. In addition goods worth Rs. 0.53 crores havₑ also been exported by S.T.C, to Sweden.

During 1988-89 (April t₀ Sept.) India's exports t₀ Sweden is provisionally placed at Rs. 38.21 crores and imports at Rs. 124.85 crores compared to exports at Rs. 36.81 crores and imports at Rs. *96* crores during the same per .od of previous year.

No trade agreement as such has been signed at Government level during 1989.

Alleged police repression in Batala and Gurdaspur districts of Punjab

2512. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA; SHRl RAM JETHMALANI: SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several youths have fled their homes from Batala and Gurdaspur districts of Punjab out of fear of police repression;

b) if so, what arₑ the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken to al) ay their fear and whether any inquiry has been made into the allegations?

THE MINISTER OR STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAM-BARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

West Bengai Land Reforms (Third Amendment) Bill

2513. SHRIMATI KANAK MUK-HERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) when the West Bengal Govern-ment sent the "West Bengal Land Reforms (Third Amendment)" Bill passed by thₑ Stₐtₑ Assembly for President's assent; and

(b) the reasong for the delay in President's assent to the Bill?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH); (a) This wag sent by the State Government vide their letteᵣ dated 19-12-80.

(b) The issues arising out of tho Bill havₑ not yet been sorted out.

Confiscated Goods Lying iₙ Customs Houses

2514. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES; Will the Minister ₀f FINANCE be pleased t₀ state:

(a) whether Government arₑ aware of huge amount of confiscated smug gled goods worth lakhs of rupees, which are lying in the Customs ware houses, unsold foj- years and are get ting out-dated thuₛ depreciating their value due to the carelessness of the Customs officials, which will lead to great loss to the public exchequer;

(b) whether these items remained unsold because the Departmental Pricing Committees havₑ not fixed their prices and in other cases the price tags are misplaced often making latest items, specially electronic goods, outdated, which will fetch scrap valuₑ price; and

(c) if so, what is the value of such confiscated goodₛ lying iₙ thₑ Customs Houses throughout the country till date and steps takeₙ by the Government to speedily dispose it off and avoid pilferage over long period of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN" THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) to fc) Confiscated goods are disposed of sooₙ afteᵣ they become ripe for disposal and there is no indication of any substantial los3 having occurred duₑ to delay in disposal. The value of goods seized,